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SUBJECT: U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY GRATION MEETS WITH SUDANESE
VICE PRESIDENT ALI OSMAN TAHA

11. (C) Summary: U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration met on August 20 with Sudan's Second Vice President Ali Osman Taha. The Special Envoy noted that ten of twelve outstanding issues related to implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) had been resolved, and that he would return September 9-11 to help settle census and referendum planning deadlocks, after which any remaining issues should be resolved at high level talks between the parties. Taha told the Special Envoy that a decision on unity or secession was necessary as a prerequisite to full implementation of the CPA. Taha said that the emergence of new Darfurian rebel groups bogs the system down; there must be a time limit for rebels to join the peace process, (he sAie."Resolving th8Sudan/ChaQ cojfdi\$ n`d0q4bp\$te|mQlyQ uea*Ullju\$aaelwe,